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1. (Four Times Amended) A vacuum process apparatus for processing at least one workpiece comprising a chamber with[:]

at least two openings defining respective opening areas [for one of treating and handling said at least one workpiece thereof]; and

a transport device[, comprising] having

a drive shaft rotatable around a rotational axis of said drive shaft;

at least two conveyors [arranged at said transport device] for at least one workpiece each[, said transport device comprising], and a transport arm for each conveyor [projecting from] operatively associated with said drive shaft;

said arms being operatively coupled to said conveyors to move said conveyors independently of each other relative to said drive shaft and to have at least a radial movement component perpendicular to the drive shaft rotational axis via encapsulated, independent drives, said drives controlling closing and opening of said openings with movement of said conveyors relative to said drive shaft.

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

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3. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said conveyors are additionally movable [at least one of] parallel to said drive shaft [and of normally with respect to said drive shaft].

Please amend claim 18 as follows:

18. (Amended) The chamber of claim 16, wherein said conveyors are additionally movable [at least one of] parallel to said rotational axis [and of normally with respect to said rotational axis].

Please amend Claim 27 as follows:

27. (Amended) The chamber of claim [16], 26 wherein said holding means is formed by spring means acting radially with respect to said pin.

Please amend Claim 30 as follows:

30. (Twice Amended) A vacuum chamber with at least two openings and a workpiece transport arrangement with which at least one workpiece within the chamber is selectively brought into a position adjacent to one of said openings, whereby the transport arrangement is provided within the chamber rotatably around a rotational axis and carries at least two members for holding a workpiece each, a rotation drive is provided to rotate said workpiece transport arrangement, and at least two displacement drives are provided for displacing said at least one workpiece each with respect to said transport arrangement whereby said members are selectively brought into a position aligned with one of

said openings by rotation of said transport arrangement and from such position a workpiece is displaceable towards and from said opening by one of said displacement drives, and said member and said displacement drives are operatively mounted on said transport arrangement rotation drive, said displacement drive being arranged to control closing and opening of respective ones of said at least two openings.

Please amend Claim 31 as follows:

31. (Amended) A vacuum chamber with at least two openings and a workpiece transport arrangement with which at least one workpiece within the chamber is selectively brought into a position adjacent to one of said openings, whereby the transport arrangement is provided within the chamber rotatably around a rotational axis and carries at lest two members for holding a workpiece each, a rotation drive is provided to rotate said workpiece transport arrangement, and at least two displacement drives are provided for displacing said at least one workpiece each with respect to said transport arrangement whereby said members are selectively brought into a position aligned with one of said openings by rotation of said transport arrangement and from such position a workpiece is displaceable towards and from said opening by one of said displacement drives in a direction with a radial component relative to said rotational axis, and said

displacement drives are operable independently of each other so as to control closing and opening of said opening.

Please amend Claim 32 as follows:

45 32. (Twice Amended) A vacuum chamber, comprising at least two openings defining respective opening areas; and a transport device operatively arranged relative to the at least two openings and including a member movable relative to a rotational axis thereof, at least two conveyors for transporting at least one workpiece each, and at least one linear drive for each of said at least two conveyors being between said movable member and a respective conveyor of said at least two conveyors and configured to linearly move said respective conveyors relative to said movable member independently from other conveyors of said at least two conveyors, said at least one linear drives being arranged to control closing and opening of said at least two openings.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

A Request for Permission to Amend the Drawings is submitted herewith.